



# Maricopa County

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## **AC&C OFFERS TIPS TO PET OWNERS TO PROTECT THEIR PET DURING WNV EVENING FOGGING**

PHOENIX (August 24, 2004) As Maricopa County is fogging neighborhoods in an effort to eradicate the West Nile Virus (WNV), Animal Care & Control (AC&C) would like to offer the following tips to help protect your pets during this process. "The pesticide used for fogging is a very low concentration, therefore a minimal chance that your animal can be affected," says Dr. Nancy Bradley, AC&C's Chief Veterinarian. "By following our recommendations you should minimize any harmful effects to your domestic pets."

- ❖ Keep dogs and cats inside if possible to minimize exposure. Horses should be kept in a barn if available. Pet birds are highly susceptible to exposure so they must be kept indoors.
- ❖ Keep your pets indoors for at least 30 minutes after the fogging has occurred.
- ❖ All animal dishes, water containers or toys should be brought inside or covered. If you did not bring them inside make sure you clean them thoroughly with soap and water afterwards.
- ❖ Cover ornamental fishponds to avoid direct exposure.
- ❖ Clean hard surfaces in your back yard with soap and water after fogging
- ❖ If your dog, cat, or horse is outside rinse him with water and bath him with a quality shampoo.
- ❖ If you see any of the following symptoms in your pet please visit your private veterinarian immediately: Body tremors, drunk-like behavior, seizures in cats, difficulty breathing, and vomiting and diarrhea.

For more information on WNV and WNV and your pets, you can visit our website:

[www.maricopa.gov/wnv](http://www.maricopa.gov/wnv)

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